

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed January 4, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 12, 2000; June 17, 2002; July 17, 2002; August 14, 2002; January 27, 2003; August 21, 2003; December 8, 2003; June 1, 2004; November 26, 2004; December 17, 2004; May 25, 2005; November 25, 2005; December 1, 2005; May 30, 2006; and November 27, 2006.

A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 25-38 and 51-64 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. The Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of the allowability of claims 11 and 12 and the allowance of claims 25-38 and 51-64 (page 6, Paper No. 20061216). The features of allowable dependent claims 11 and 12 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 2, respectively; and claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 25, 26, 51, 52, 61 and 62 have been amended to better recite the features of the present invention. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-10, 13, 14, 25-38 and 51-64 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 2, 25, 26, 51 and 52 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 5 of the Official Action continues to request the Applicant's cooperation in correcting any errors of which the Applicant may become aware in the specification. In response to a previous request, in the *Amendment* filed May 25, 2005, the specification was amended to correct minor typographical errors. The Applicant will correct any further errors in the specification of which the Applicant becomes aware.

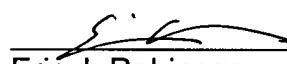
Paragraph 6 of the Official Action objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) and asserts that the protecting film is now shown in the drawings (pages 2-3, Paper No. 20061216). The Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses the assertions in the Official Action. The Applicant respectfully submits that the protecting film is shown, for example, in Figure 3, see protecting film 372. Also, the Applicant has amended claims 9 and 10 by changing "the gate electrode is covered by an insulating film" to "the gate electrode is covered by the protecting film," which is consistent with the present specification and drawings. The Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings show all the features of the present claims and are supported by the specification. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are in order and respectfully requested.

Paragraph 8 of the Official Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-10, 13 and 14 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,909,114 to Yamazaki. In response and in accordance with the statement of allowed subject matter (page 6, Paper No. 20061216), claims 1 and 2 have been amended to include the allowable features of claims 10 and 11, respectively. Specifically, claims 1 and 2 have been amended to recite a resin film provided over a protecting film and a coloring layer provided between the protecting film and the resin film. The Applicant respectfully submits that Yamazaki does not disclose teach these features, either explicitly or inherently. Therefore, independent claims 1 and 2, as amended, recite allowable subject matter, and the above-referenced rejections are believed to be moot.

Claims 51 and 52 have been amended to recite a coloring layer over a gate electrode in order to distinguish the claims from the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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